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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 21

1. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "US-SOVIET EFFORT ON MIDEAST IS SET - KISSINGER AND GROMYKO WILL COOPERATE IN PLANNING GENEVA CONFERENCE." AGREEMENT REMAINED TO BE TESTED AND DETAILS WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER MEETING, PROBABLY IN JULY. GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD GET UNDERWAY IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY AUTUMN. TWO MINISTERS ALSO MADE PROGRESS ON SALT. (ALSO WP, SUN, WSJ, CSM)

2. NYT (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "BREZHNEV TO RECEIVE TREATMENT AGAIN" DATELINE MOSCOW. A WASHINGTON INSERT STATED BREZHNEV UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE DENTAL WORK, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS (ALSO WP).

3. NYT (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "THIRD OF SOVIET EMIGREES AVOID ISRAEL" BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN. SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN PATTERN OF SOVIET EMIGRATION, E.G., IN MAY 1973, THREE PER CENT WENT TO OTHER COUNTRIES, LAST MONTH, 45
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PER CENT. REASONS UNCLEAR.

4. WP (PAGE 21) HEADLINE "GOOD CROP AWAITED BY SOVIETS"
BY PETER OSNOS. SOVIET UNION'S WARMEST SPRING IN MORE
THAN A CENTURY HOLDS OUT PROSPECT OF A BUMPER CROP THIS
YEAR, UNLESS SERIOUS DROUGHT DEVELOPS LIKE ONE IN
1972. WESTERN AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS IN MOSCOW BELIEVE
SOVIETS WILL COME CLOSE TO MEETING GOAL OF 215.7 MILLION
TONS.

5. SUN (PAGE B1) HEADLINE "'QUIET DON' GETS ALL ROWDY
AGAIN" BY MICHAEL PARKS. PLANS FOR SHOLOKHOV'S 70TH
BIRTHDAY HAVE REVIVED BITTER CONTROVERSY OVER WHETHER
HE ACTUALLY WROTE THE EPIC NOVEL.

6. WP - MAY 20 AND MAY 21 - ARTICLES ON FIRST PAGE OF
METRO SECTION ON SOVIET AND U.S. EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION.
SOVIETS READY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON JULY 15. BUT
PLANS MAY BE HELD UP BECAUSE DEPARTMENT IS GRAPPLING
WITH ITS OWN CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS IN MOSCOW. INGERSOLL

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